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**Subject:** Fw: Opposition to parts of Bill #5021

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**Subject:** Opposition to parts of Bill #5021

I am a wine sales rep who sells wines for family-owned estate wineries in California and Oregon. Bill 5021 will make it difficult for me to continue doing business in Connecticut as I think the real purpose of this bill is to open up the liquor market to big box stores.

Small producers do not have the volume to service big box retailers. By passing the bill as it is, you will be limiting the variety of wines and spirits offered in our state. Gone will be the small eclectic producers of quality wines and spirits. It is already quite difficult to bring in small producers because of the dramatically higher label registration costs in this state as compared to others.

Parts of the bill make sense to me, especially Sunday sales. However, this bill is about so much more than Sunday sales. I think there is a way to modernize our liquor laws without shuttering so many small package stores. Frankly, our state cannot afford to lose any more jobs or have more small businesses shut down.

I hope you slow down this process and take time to really consider all parties involved -- not just the big box retailers.

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